

Chapter A252**GENERAL LAWS AND SPECIAL ACTS**

The following is a listing of General Laws and Special Acts accepted by the Town of Palmer:

A. General Laws.

<u>Date Accepted</u>	<u>Statutory Reference</u>	<u>Subject</u>
1861	Ch. 222	Authorizing aid to families of volunteers mustered into the military service
1867	MGL C. 83, § 2	Fisheries
1881	Ch. 158, Acts of 1871	Providing for the election of Road Commissioners
1889	MGL C. 50, §§ 20 to 21	Authorizing the laying of sidewalks
1891	Ch. 386, Acts of 1890	Authorizing the printing and distribution of town election ballots at public expense
1891	Ch. 423, Acts of 1890	Authorizing voting by precinct
1895	Ch. 132, Acts of 1894	Precinct voting
1897	Ch. 264, Acts of 1890	Use of public cemeteries
1903	Ch. 454, Acts of 1903	Providing for joint caucuses or primaries of all political parties
1909	MGL C. 49, § 42	Establishment and grading of sidewalks and an assessment upon the abutters thereto
1910	Ch. 209, Acts of 1908	Providing for the protection of forest sprout lands
1910	MGL C. 49, § 43	Sidewalks and assessments upon abutters thereto
1911	MGL C. 104, §§ 1 to 12	Providing for an Inspector of Buildings
1911	Ch. 423, Acts of 1909	Permitting the sale of ice cream and confectioneries on the Lord's Day
1911	Ch. 216, Acts of 1908	Apportionment of sidewalk assessments
1912	Ch. 503, Acts of 1912	Pensions for laborers in municipal employment
1913	Ch. 807, Acts of 1913	Authorizing compensation to town workers injured in line of duty
1914	Ch. 514, Acts of 1909	Providing for an 8-hour day for certain municipal employees
1914	MGL C. 25, § 22	Regulating the watering of streets
1914	Ch. 688, Acts of 1914	Authorizing a Saturday half-holiday for town laborers
1914	Ch. 790, Acts of 1914	Limiting the membership of ward and town committees
1917	Ch. 153, Acts of 1916	Regulating and licensing slaughterhouse

1919	Ch. 311, Acts of 1919	Establishment and maintenance of continuation schools and courses of instruction for employed minors
1920	Ch. 240, Acts of 1920	Authorizing sports and games to take place on the Lord's Day
1926	MGL C. 32, § 44	Retirement and pensions for certain school janitors
1929	MGL C. 136, §§ 21 to 25	Regulating certain sports and activities on Sunday
1930	MGL C. 131, § 59A	Regulating the use of traps for fur-bearing animals
1933	MGL C. 139, §§ 1 to 3	Disposition of dangerous and dilapidated buildings
1938	MGL C. 31, § 48	Providing for civil service status for regular and permanent policemen
1942	Ch. 710, Acts of 1941	Regulating the registration and operation of bicycles
1947	MGL C. 71, § 40	Requiring equal pay for men and women teachers
1947	MGL C. 136, § 4B	Permitting bowling on the Lord's Day
1948	MGL C. 147, § 16B	Authorizing 1 day off in 6 for policemen
1948	Ch. 442, Acts of 1947	Authorizing Selectmen to install parking meters
1949	Ch. 588, Acts of 1948	Increasing pensions for certain former public employees
1951	Ch. 820, Acts of 1950	Increasing pensions for certain former public employees
1952	Ch. 781, Acts of 1951	Increasing pensions for certain former public employees
1952	MGL C. 54, § 103A	Permitting absentee voting
1952	MGL C. 147, § 16C	Authorizing 2 days off in 7 for policemen
1952	MGL C. 31, § 47C,	Authorizing a compensation D & E plan for employees of the Welfare Department
1953	Ch. 624, Acts of 1952	Increasing pensions for certain former public employees
1953	MGL C. 40, § 5	Authorizing group life insurance for town employees
1955	MGL C. 40, § 6B	Authorizing the purchase by the town of police uniforms
1956	MGL C. 32B	Authorizing contributory group insurance for town employees
1956	Ch. 347, Acts of 1952	Authorizing the continuance of town employee salaries during active reserve training
1956	MGL C. 91, § 11	Authorizing the Selectmen to execute indemnity proceedings

1956	Ch. 670, Acts of 1955	Increasing pensions for certain former public employees
1960	MGL C. 41, § 91A	Authorizing the appointment of town constables
1961	MGL C. 136, § 4B	Regulating bowling on Sunday
1962	Ch. 322, Acts of 1961	Authorizing the towing of parked vehicles blocking snow removal
1964	Ch. 409, Acts of 1962	Pedestrian control regulations
1965	MGL C. 147, § 17A	Additional days off for certain members of police forces
1968	MGL C. 40, § 8C	Establishing a Conservation Commission
1968	MGL C. 71, §§ 16 to 16I	Establishing regional school districts
1968	MGL C. 40, § 22D	Towing and storage of vehicles
1968	MGL C. 40D	Establishing an Industrial Development Financing Authority
1968	MGL C. 32B, § 9A	Authorizing town to pay ½ the premium cost of medical insurance for town employees
1969	MGL C. 90, § 20C	Providing for the disposition of parking violations
1973	MGL C. 44, § 53C	Off-duty pay of Police Department
1973	MGL C. 40, § 8D	Historical Commission established
1974	MGL C. 147, § 13A	Reserve police force established
1979	MGL C. 32B, § 8A	Authorizing the distribution of group insurance dividends to insured employees
1979	MGL C. 40, § 8G	Police mutual aid
1980	MGL C. 148, § 26C	Smoke and heat detectors required
1981	MGL C. 83, §§ 16A-16F	Tax liens
1983	Ch. 597, Acts of 1982	Vehicle excise tax exemption for former POW's
1983	MGL C. 138, § 12-B	Ban on nude dancing
1986	MGL C. 40, § 4G	Minimum bid rate (\$4,000.)
1986	Ch. 640, Acts of 1985	Suspension of licenses and permits due to nonpayment of taxes and other charges
1988	MGL C. 71, § 40	Raising the minimum teacher's salary in the Palmer Public Schools to \$20,000, effective Sept 1, 1988
1988	Ch. 236, Acts of 1987	Expenditure of subdivision construction deposits
1990	MGL C. 59, § 5-17D	
1990	Ch. 653, § 40, Acts of 1989	Assessment date changes for new growth
1990	MGL c. 40, §§ 21-14, 21-16B, 21-22 and 21-23A	Fire lanes; bicycle laws; handicapped parking; and handicapped parking; and handicapped parking handicapped parking fines, respectively

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1990	Ch. 287, § 54, Acts of 1989	New procedures for payment and use of wetlands protection filing fees
1991	Ch. 291, Acts of 1990	Allowing town to receive Enhanced 911 service
1992	MGL c. 59, § 57C	Authorizing implementation of a quarterly tax payment system
1992	Ch. 336, Acts of 1991	Teachers' summer pay deferral and amortization
1993	Ch. 71, Acts of 1993	Teachers early retirement incentive program
1994	MGL c. 59, § 5	Veteran's exemption qualifications
1994	MGL c. 41, § 108L	Career incentive pay program for the Police Departments
1995	Ch. 71, § 71F, Acts of 1982	Establishing a revolving fund for the School Department
1995	MGL c. 148 § 26E	Installation of smoke detectors in residential buildings
1995	MGL c. 40, § 13C	Establishment of reserves to pay worker's compensation claims
1996	MGL c. 40, § 21D	Alternative method to obtain compliance with municipal legislation
1996	MGL c. 481, §§ 1 and 2	Sale of liqueurs or cordials by common victualers
1996	MGL c. 140, § 147A	Enable town to enact ordinances and set and collect fees for the regulation of dogs
1997	Ch. 181, § 1, Acts of 1995	Allowing an annual increase of 1995 of 100% of the CPI in the exemption amount granted under CL 17D
1997	Ch. 140, Acts of 1996	To insert the following after 1996 the word "first" in line 100: "provided, further, that a superintendent may, with the approval of the member communities, submit said budget for approval following the notification of the local aid distribution, so-called."
1997	MGL c. 140, §§ 70 to 86	Allowing for pawnbrokers
1998	MGL c. 41, § 97A	Authorizing Police Department to be under the supervision of a Chief of Police
1999	MGL c. 71, § 71F	Establishing a revolving fund for receipt and expenditure therefrom by the Palmer School Committee for those moneys received by the Town of Palmer from the commonwealth to assist in the education of state wards
1999	MGL c. 161B, § 3	Authorizing the town to join the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority
1999	MGL c. 166, § 3D	Establishing a town aid to the elderly and disabled taxation fund

2000	MGL c. 32B, § 18	Requiring all retirees of the town and their spouses and dependents, who are enrolled in Medicare Part A at no cost to a retiree, their spouse or dependents, or eligible for coverage thereunder at no cost to a retiree, their spouse or dependents, be required to enroll in a Medicare health benefits supplement plan offered by the town
2000	Ch. 127, § 59, Acts of 1999	Enabling Board of Selectmen to establish in Fiscal Year 2001 a work-off program for citizens over sixty (60) years old, who may volunteer their services for a reduction in their tax bill, not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) per fiscal year based on a rate per hour of service that cannot exceed the commonwealth's minimum wage
2001	MGL c. 41, §§19K and 108P	Additional compensation for Town Clerk and for collectors or treasurers
2001	MGL c. 32B, § 18	Requiring that all retirees of the town and their spouses and dependents, who are enrolled in Medicare Part A at no cost to a retiree, their spouse or dependents, or eligible for coverage thereunder at no cost to a retiree, their spouse or dependents, enroll in a Medicare health benefits supplement plan offered by the town.
2007	MGL c 39, § 23D	Adjudicatory hearings, attendance by municipal board, committee and commission members; voting disqualification

B. Special Acts.

<u>Date Accepted</u>	<u>Statutory Reference</u>	<u>Subject</u>
1752	Ch. 15, Acts of 1752	Incorporation of town
1760	Ch. 438, Acts of 1760	Setting off certain inhabitants of Brimfield and land therein to the District of Palmer
1761	Ch. 444, Acts of 1761	Annexing a certain highway to the District of Palmer
1763	Ch. 222, Acts of 1763	Bridges and highways in Brimfield and Districts of Palmer and Monson
1768	Ch. 32, Acts of 1768	Discharging the District of Palmer from certain indebtedness
1787	Ch. 47, Acts of 1787	Road between Scott's Bridge and Wilbraham line to be kept in repair by the Town of Palmer
1788	Ch. 60, Acts of 1788	Repealing Chapter 47, Resolve of 1787
1828	Ch. 59, Acts of 1828	Establishing a boundary line between Palmer and

Monson		
1868	Ch. 112, Acts of 1868	Legalizing the doings of the Annual Town Meeting of Palmer in March 1868
1883	Ch. 171, Acts of 1883	Incorporating the Palmer Water Co.
1885	Ch. 347, Acts of 1885	Confirming the Annual Town Meeting proceedings for Palmer in 1885 despite any defect in the warrant
1887	Ch. 189, Acts of 1887	Providing better access to the Boston and Albany R.R. Co. station in Palmer
1895	Ch. 359, Acts of 1895	Confirming the Annual Town Meeting proceedings for Palmer in 1885 despite any warrant defect
1897	Ch. 354, Acts of 1897	Authorizing the Town of Palmer to refund a portion of its note indebtedness
1909	Ch. 125, Acts of 1909	Providing for the election of a Board of License Commissioners in the Town of Palmer
1910	Ch. 471, Acts of 1910	Establishing a boundary line between Ware and Palmer
1910	Ch. 673, Acts of 1910	Ratifying certain acts and election proceedings in the Town of Palmer
1912	Ch. 691, Acts of 1912	Authorizing the Town of Palmer to fund certain indebtedness
1913	Ch. 587, Acts of 1913	Ratifying and validating the Annual Town Meeting proceedings for Palmer in 1913
1915	Ch. 359, Acts of 1915	Authorizing the Three Rivers Fire District to borrow money
1917	Ch. 353, Acts of 1917	Authorizing the Town of Palmer to appropriate funds for a street railway bridge over the Ware River
1920	Ch. 226, Acts of 1920	Authorizing the Town of Palmer to incur indebtedness for additional school accommodations
1928	Ch. 2, Acts of 1928	Placing the office of Chief of Police in the Town of Palmer under civil service
1936	Ch. 97, Acts of 1936	Authorizing the holding of sports and games on the Lord's Day at the church grounds in Thorndike
1939	Ch. 110, Acts of 1939	Establishing a representative town meeting form of government in Palmer
1943	Ch. 325, Acts of 1943	Establishing a water supply for Three Rivers Fire District
1943	Ch. 399, Acts of 1943	Placing the office of Chief Engineer of Palmer Fire District No. 1 under civil service

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1946	Ch. 320, Acts of 1946	Establishing the Thorndike Fire and Water District
1949	Ch. 506, Acts of 1949	Providing for improvement of the Ware River in the Town of Palmer
1956	Ch. 114, Acts of 1955	Authorizing the Town of Palmer to convey land to AMVETS, Romuald Renaud Post No. 74
1958	Ch. 167, Acts of 1957	Establishing a representative town meeting form of government in Palmer
1958	Ch. 418, Acts of 1958	Providing for public access to Forest Lake in Palmer
1962	Ch. 403, Acts of 1962	Authorizing Town of Palmer to pay an annuity to Katherine Twiss, former School Dept. employee
1962	Ch. 692, Acts of 1962	Authorizing the commonwealth to borrow money to meet the nonfederal cost of the Three Rivers local flood protection project
1963	Ch. 803, Acts of 1963	Increasing the amount of money the commonwealth may borrow for nonfederal cost of the Three Rivers local flood protection project
1963	Ch. 667, Acts of 1963	Authorizing the Town of Palmer to construct a combination town administration building and courthouse
1966	Ch. 835, Acts of 1966	Providing tenure of office for Michael Russo, Superintendent of Parks in the Town of Palmer
1969	Ch. 862, Acts of 1969	Providing for the assessment of certain inhabitants of the Town of Palmer for services of the Bondsville Fire District
1971	Ch. 374, Acts of 1971	Authorizing the Town of Palmer to convey certain parkland to the Wing Memorial Hospital Association
1990	Ch. 28, Acts of 1990	Providing for continued employment of Gus A. Theodore with Palmer Fire District No. 1